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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as is set forth below prior to examination thereof.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 1, 20, 24 and 28 as follows:

(Three Times Amended) An image pickup system comprising: an image pickup apparatus including an image sensor for photo-electrica Ny converting a picked-up object image into an electrical signal, an image [a video] signal generating part for forming an image [a video] signal from the electrical signal, a color space converting part having a plurality of predetermined, diverse color spaces selectable therein for converting a color space of the image [video] signal, and an interface part for externally transferring the image [video] signal[; and